GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2645
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TIPAIMUKH HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether environmental clearance has been given to the much awaited Tipaimukh Hydro Power Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the survey report of the project has not been made public;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether there is large scale protest about this project in the North-East particularly in Manipur;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the time by which the project is likely to be ready for investment decision?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : According to North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO), Executive Summary of the Project was sent to the Manipur and Mizoram State Governments for wide circulation and to arrange publishing notice of Public Hearing in two local newspapers. The States have been requested to expedite the public hearing process.

(d) : Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

(e) & (f) : No, Sir. However, some organizations have opposed this project apprehending environmental concerns, which will be duly considered by the appropriate authority while according clearances.

(g) : The State Governments of Manipur and Mizoram have been requested to complete the Public Hearing on priority for accord of Environment & Forest clearance. As soon as Environment and Forest clearance to the project is accorded, the matter will be processed for investment decision.